

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13 and 14 and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A dental implant for insertion in the jaw bone of a patient, comprising:

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis and a proximal surface generally transverse to said longitudinal axis,

a boss extending from said proximal surface, said boss having a transverse face, generally axial extended side surfaces, and a non-round cross section as viewed along said axis,

at least one indentation penetrating [at least one] of said proximal surface of said body and said transverse face of said [implant] boss, said at least one indentation being adapted to engage an insertion device or at least one protrusion of a dental prosthesis or an abutment so as to fix the position of the prosthesis or abutment relative to said implant.

12. (Thrice Amended) An implant assembly comprising:

(i) a dental implant for insertion in the jaw bone of a patient, comprising:

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis and a proximal surface generally transverse to said longitudinal axis,

a boss extending from said proximal surface, said boss having a transverse face, generally axial extended side surfaces, and a non-round cross section as viewed along said axis,

at least one indentation penetrating said transverse face of said boss and said proximal surface of said body,

(ii) a dental prosthesis or abutment or impression coping for attachment to said implant, comprising, at a surface that engages said implant, at least one protrusion

C² which engages with said at least one indentation so as to fix the position of the dental prosthesis or abutment or impression coping relative to said implant.

15. (Twice Amended) A dental implant for insertion in the jaw bone of a patient, comprising:

an elongated body having a longitudinal axis and proximal surface generally transverse to said longitudinal axis,

C³ a boss extending from said proximal surface, said boss having a transverse face and generally axial extended side surfaces,

at least one indentation penetrating said transverse face of said boss and said proximal surface of said body, said at least one indentation being adapted to engage an insertion device or at least one protrusion of a dental prosthesis or abutment so as to fix the position of the abutment or crown relative to said implant.
